

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes _____
no _____

Property Name: Baltimore Highlands Inventory Number: BA-3001
Address: Multiple City: Baltimore Zip Code: 21227
County: Baltimore County USGS Topographic Map: Relay
Owner: Multiple Is the property being evaluated a district? X yes
Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: 109 Tax Account ID Number: _____
Project: MagLev Agency: MTA
Site visit by MHT staff: X no _____ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property is located within a historic district? _____ yes X no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district _____ yes Eligible district _____ yes Name of District: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource _____ yes _____ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context _____ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible _____ yes X no

Criteria: X A B X C D Considerations: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F X G _____ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Vertical files, Pratt Library Maryland Department; Landmarks Preservation Commission files, Towson;

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Baltimore Highlands is bounded by (approximately) the Baltimore City/County line to the north, Annapolis Road to the west, Interstate 895 / Harbor Tunnel Thruway to the south, and the Light Rail Line to the east.

Baltimore Highlands was subdivided in 1908 from land surrounding the English Consul mansion by the Unger family. Conceived as a W. B & A Electric Railroad suburb to Baltimore, the first lots platted were intended for middle class railroad, factory, and mill workers. The Bromley Atlas of 1915 shows few homes built on the new lots - either 25x125 or 50x125 - a condition that must have persisted into the 1920s, when local businessman Frank Piper purchased the "remaining 300 lots" and promised anyone a free "\$225 Whitman Piano" if they would agree to buy a \$300 lot (only 21 homes had been built by that time). Aerial photos taken in 1938 shows the area only about %40 developed; aerials in 1943 show only a slight increase in development. By 1953, aerial photos show the area about %80 full; today, every lot on every street is developed.

Characteristic properties in the neighborhood include single family, single- and multi-story homes in a variety of period styles, from large Victorians, vernacular farmhouses, bungalows, and a host of Ranch forms. In addition to the residential structures, A thorough search of the area could not locate a single home pre-dating 1953 that had not been extensively altered.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended X

Criteria: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D Considerations: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____ G _____ None

MHT Comments

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, NR Program

8/14/03
Date

8/15/03
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Baltimore Highlands

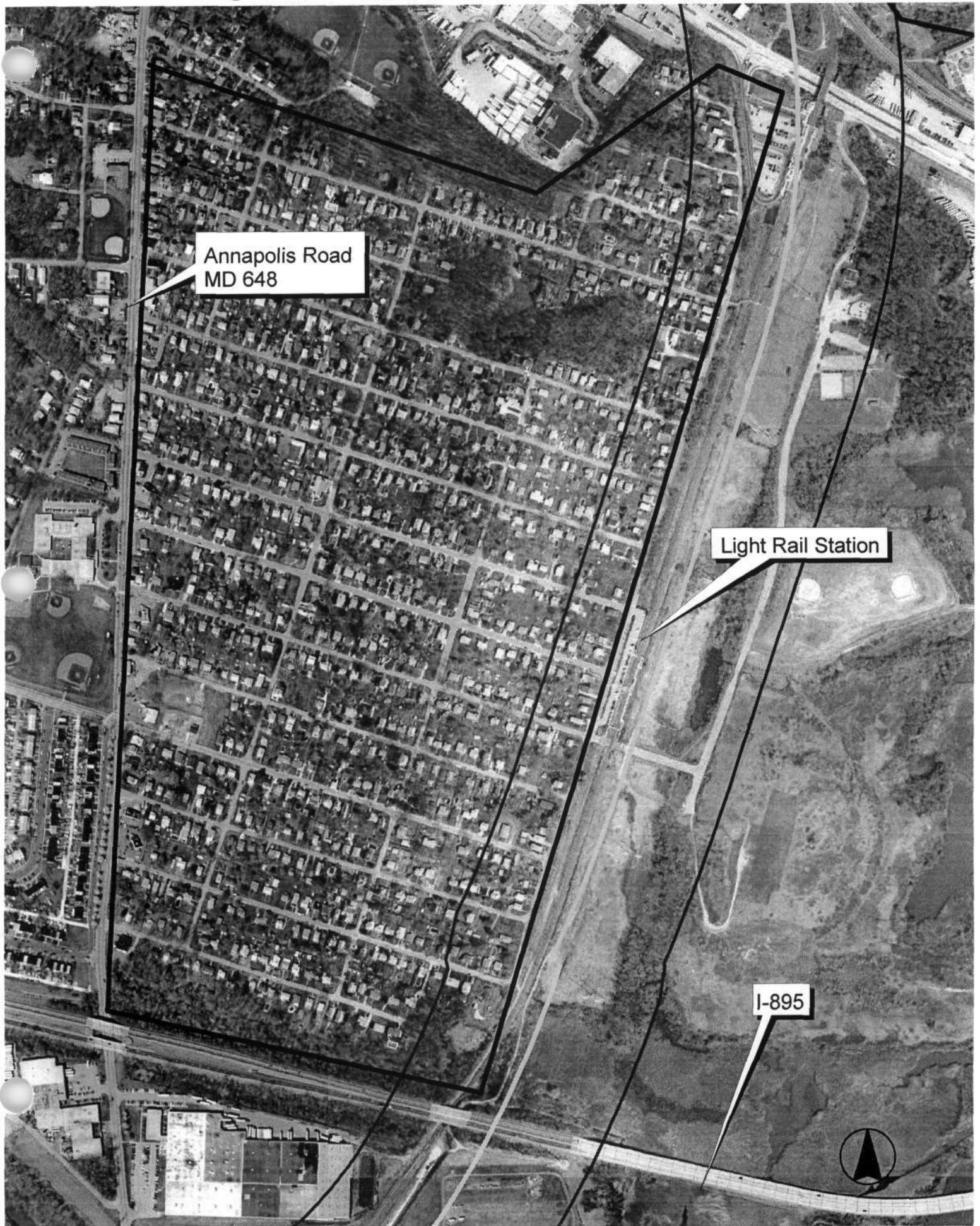
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The Baltimore Highlands neighborhood, while intact in streetscape, layout, and design, is not eligible for inclusion on the National Register. The neighborhood has multiple periods of construction and multiple property types, none of which display a passing level of architectural integrity. In regards to significance, Baltimore Highlands is not distinguishable from other areas that started along a rail line that later transitioned into automobile suburbs to the city.

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56621 SE
(BALTIMORE EAST)

39°15'



Location: 039° 14' 20.8" N 076° 38' 08.1" W
Caption: Baltimore Highlands - Baltimore County - not eligible
Relay Quad



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